

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a ~~subroutine function, the function for assessing a parameter~~, the method comprising:
 - a) displaying a field for receiving a rule on a computer, ~~the rule including the parameter, a parameter operator, and a parameter value~~;
 - b) ~~entering receiving a rule into by the computer, the rule defining a premise and a conclusion to be drawn if the premise is true~~;
 - c) transmitting the rule to a server;
 - d) storing the rule on the server; and
 - e) generating a ~~function subroutine by the server that determines if the premise is true and, based at least in part upon the conclusion, outputting a first value if the premise is true and outputting a second value if the premise is false; for assessing the parameter~~.
 - f) ~~receiving a parameter by the computer~~;
 - g) ~~transmitting the parameter to the server~~;
 - h) ~~determining, by the server, based at least in part upon the subroutine and the parameter, if the premise is true or if the premise is false; and~~
 - i) ~~transmitting the first value to the computer if the premise is true, otherwise transmitting the second value to the computer~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering-receiving the rule includes entering-receiving the rule into by a browser running on the computer.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering-receiving the rule includes entering-receiving a Java equation.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering-receiving the rule includes entering-receiving a PL/SQL equation.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering-receiving the rule includes entering-receiving a Basic equation.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of entering-receiving the rule includes entering-receiving a Virtual Basic equation.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of transmitting the rule to the server includes transmitting the ~~criterion~~ rule over the Internet.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of generating the subroutine ~~function~~ includes generating a Java function.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of generating the subroutine function includes generating a PL/SQL function.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of generating the subroutine function includes generating a Basic function.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

f)—verifying that the subroutine function is valid;

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the act of verifying that the subroutine function is valid includes running the subroutine function through a syntax checker.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the act of verifying that the subroutine function is valid includes compiling the subroutine function and determining if the subroutine function compiled without generating an error.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the act of verifying that the subroutine function is valid includes compiling the subroutine function, determining if compiling the subroutine function generated an error, and if compiling the subroutine function generated an error, then displaying a screen on the computer that allows editing of the criterion rule.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

f)—entering the parameter into the computer;

g) ~~transmitting the parameter to the server;~~
h) ~~generating an assessment of the parameter;~~
i) ~~transmitting the assessment from the server to the computer; and~~
j) ~~displaying the assessment on the computer.~~
displaying either the first value or the second value on the computer.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the act of ~~entering~~ receiving the parameter includes ~~entering~~ receiving the parameter ~~into~~ by a browser.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the act of transmitting the parameter to the server includes transmitting the criterion parameter over the Internet.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the method further includes ~~act of~~ generating the assessment includes executing the subroutine function.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the act of transmitting the first value includes transmitting the first value over the Internet ~~assessment from the server to the computer~~ includes transmitting the assessment over the Internet.

20. (Currently Amended) A program storage device containing instructions that when executed by a computer perform the following acts:

- a) display a field for receiving a rule, ~~the rule including a parameter, a parameter operator, and a parameter value~~ the rule defining a premise and a conclusion to be drawn if the premise is true;
- b) transmit a ~~the rule to a server~~;
- c) display a field for receiving ~~the~~ a parameter; and
- d) ~~display receive~~ an assessment that is generated by a server based at least in part upon the premise and the parameter.

21. (Currently Amended) A program storage device containing instructions that when executed by a server perform the following acts:

- a) receive a rule defining a premise and a conclusion to be drawn if the premise is true from a remote electronic device from the computer, the rule including a parameter, a parameter operator, and a parameter value; and
- b) generate a subroutine function for assessing the parameter determining if the premise is true or the premise is false and drawing a conclusion based at least upon whether the premise is true or the premise is false.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)